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SUBJECT: ENERGY SEMINAR: DEVELOPMENTS

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1. GOP SEMINAR COORDINATOR PICH AND HIS ASSISTANT MET WITH
COMMATT ON APRIL 28 TO RELATE GOP PROGRESS ON ORGANIZATION OF
SEMINAR AND TO DISCUSS DETAILS. NOTWITHSTANDING REF B,
SEMINAR DATES ARE MAY 25-27. PICH HAS ORGANIZED FOLLOWING
SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS, ALL TO BE BETWEEN 3:00 PM AND 6:00 PM
-- WEDNESDAY MAY 25 - PM

PM - OPENING SESSION ON ENERGY IN GENERAL: DESCRIPTION
AND DISCUSSION OF PORTUGUESE ENERGY SITUATION AND POTENTIAL
DEMAND UNTIL YEAR 2000 BY PORTUGUESE ELECTRICITY COMPANY AND
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FUELS; DESCRIPTION OF WORLD ENERGY
SITUATION IN GENERAL TERMS BY HUBBERT; OPEN Q AND A
PERIOD ON ABOVE TOPICS (DURING THIS SESSION, ALTERNATIVE
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TYPES OF ENERGY WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED IN SPECIFICS).

-- THURSDAY, MAY 26 - AM - VISIT BY U.S. PARTICIPANTS TO
CARREGADO THERMAL GENERATION PLANT, JUST NORTH OF LISBON.

- PM - SESSION ON NUCLEAR AND THERMAL ENERGY: DISCUSSION
BY GOP OFFICIALS OF CURRENT PORTUGUESE SITUATION AND
PLANS. PRESENTATION BY AMERICAN EXPERT ABOUT STATE OF ART
AND CURRENT SITUATION IN NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD AND

POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR PORTUGAL; HUBBERT COULD COVER U.S. PORTION OF THERMAL ENERGY DISCUSSION. GENERAL Q AND A PERIOD.

-- FRIDAY, MAY 27 - PM - HALF SESSION ON GEOTHERMAL ENERGY WITH BOTH PORTUGUESE AND U.S. EXPERTS PARTICIPATING AS ABOVE; GENERAL Q AND A PERIOD; HALF-SESSION ON SOLAR ENERGY WITH BOTH PORTUGUESE AND U.S. EXPERTS PARTICIPATING; GENERAL Q AND A PERIOD.

2. PICH AGAIN EMPHASIZED THERE IS EXTENSIVE INTEREST IN PORTUGAL IN ENERGY SEMINAR. HE EXPECTS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN 100 GUESTS TO THE INVITATION ONLY SESSIONS. GOP PREPARING PAPERS ON ALL SUBJECTS AND FIVE OF SEVEN PORTUGUESE PARTICIPANTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SELECTED. HE BELIEVES SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY AND MINES WOULD BE WILLING TO BE PRESENT AT OPENING SESSION AND HE EXPECTS WIDE PRESS COVERAGE.

3. COMMENT: SIGNIFICANT GOP INTEREST IN SEMINAR ILLUSTRATED BY ADVANCED STAGE OF PREPARATION AND PROBABLY PRESENCE SECRETARY OF STATE. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO GET APART FROM ALREADY CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION OF KING HUBBERT AND RALPH LAPP, TWO MORE U.S. EXPERTS TO DISCUSS SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL FIELDS.
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